

# **PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

## **Of The**

## **Suffolk County Legislature**

A meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on March 28, 2006.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Jay Schneiderman • Chairman  
Legislator Wayne R. Horsley • Vice•Chairman  
Legislator John M. Kennedy, Jr.  
Legislator Ricardo Montano  
Legislator Kate Browning  
Legislator Lou D'Amaro  
Legislator Edward P. Romaine

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

George Nolan • Counsel to the Legislature  
Terry Pearsall • Chief of Staff  
Eric Brown • Aide to Chairman Schneiderman  
Michael Pitcher • Press Secretary to P.O. Lindsay  
Bob Martinez • Aide to Legislator Montano

Roz Gazes • Budget Review Office  
Chief Alan Otto • Chief of Staff • Sheriff's Office  
Charles Ewald • Warden • Sheriff's Office  
Joseph Rubacka • Deputy Warden • Sheriff's Office  
Dr. Charles Wetli • Medical Examiner's Office  
Richard LaValle • Department of Public Works  
Leslie Mitchell • Department of Public Works  
Tom LaGuardia • DPW Chief Engineer (Facilities)  
Ben Wright • Director of Division of Sanitation  
Russ Ehasz • Ehasz, Giacalone, Architects  
Ben Zwirn • Assistant Deputy County Executive  
Brian Beedenbender • County Executive's Office  
Cliff Hymowitz.  
All Other Interested Parties.

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

Lucia Braaten • Court Stenographer

***[THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:03 P.M.]***

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. I'd like to call this meeting to order of the Public Works and Transportation Committee this 28th day of March, 2006. If you're not already standing, if you'll rise for the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Legislator Kate Browning.

***(SALUTATION)***

Thank you for coming out today. If you wish to address the committee, you need to fill out a yellow card. I only have one in front of me. I've also had a request from the Sheriff's Office to take a bill out of order, which I would like to do, and then take the one card that I have. And then we do have a presentation by Public Works regarding the Riverhead County Center and the improvements there. So, if the Committee agrees, I'd like to take Resolution 1386 out of order, so we can bring up Chief Otto from the

Sheriff's Office, who apparently cannot stay, because the meeting is starting late and he needs to get to another location. So I'll make a motion to take 1386 out of order. Do I have a second?

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Second by Legislator Romaine. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1386 is now before us. I'd like to bring up Chief Otto, who would like to be heard on this •• on this resolution.

**CHIEF OTTO:**

Chairman, Legislators, good afternoon. Sheriff DeMarco had a previously scheduled family vacation before the Sheriff's Office received the invitation to attend this meeting. The sheriff extends his apology for not being here this afternoon, but says that if we need him, I should get a hold of him in Florida. However, I feel that if I attempt to do this, I might easily find myself in a security booth guarding Montauk Point.

Today is the first time I'm addressing many of our new Legislators. My name is Allen Otto. I am the Chief of Staff for the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office. I have been a member of the Sheriff's Office for over 31 years, and have served under seven Sheriffs. I came up through the Deputy Sheriff ranks and now hold a Civil Service title of Chief of Staff since 1997. On my right is Deputy Warden Rubacka, who's my Executive Officer in charge of Research and Development, and to his right is Warden Charles Ewald.

I'm here today to request your support in approving I.R. Resolution 1386. This resolution was based upon Capital Project 3014, renovations to the Riverhead Correctional Facility. Capital Project 3014 is a Capital Project that has been in existence for the past 20 years. This project covers the maintenance, repair and upgrade of a correctional facility that is now 40 years old. Over the course of the next four years, there are 31 itemized repairs for which funding for this project covers. After discussions with •• and agreements with Department of Public Works, these repairs have been itemized on a priority basis into three phases. Every year during Capital

Budget time, the Sheriff's Office meets with DPW and on average requests approximately one million dollars for ongoing major capital repairs. Prior years appropriations were for Phase 1 items, and I'm happy to tell you that the design and planning element for Phase 1 is 95% complete, with bidding and construction to commence in 2006. Resolution 1386, the 2006 funding of 1.5 million dollars, is for the majority of Phase 2 items. The 2007 through 2009 funding will permit the completion of Phase 2 items and a portion of Phase 3. The additional funding of Phase 3 items will be requested in 2010 or subsequent years.

Sheriff DeMarco is requesting a portion of this 1.5 million in funding to be used for the purchase of two new control panels for one of the pods in the medium security facility in Riverhead. Since the new replacement facility, Capital Project 3008, and the stress membrane unit both will incorporate direct supervision, Sheriff DeMarco would like to relocate two of the eight control panels in Riverhead, which have already been scheduled to be replaced or upgraded, to facilitate time the change over to direct supervision training. Now is the time to convert and field test one of the pods as a pilot project while we still have the time to evaluate the new system.

In summary, Sheriff DeMarco is asking your support in passing this resolution, so that the ongoing maintenance and repairs for Capital Project 3014 will continue and, more importantly, that the funding to move two of these control panels to assist us in the direct supervision training will be on schedule. And thank you for your support. And are there any questions?

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Question. So the 1.4 million would go toward the improvements and then another hundred thousand would go toward this other change you're talking about in the control panel; is that correct?

**CHIEF OTTO:**

The exact figures we don't know right now. It's •• the 1.5 million is for ongoing renovations for 3014, of which a part of that will be to move the control panels in the facility.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. Maybe I'm misreading. I'm just looking at the two different serial bonds being appropriated. One is for 100,000 and one is for 1.4 million.

**CHIEF OTTO:**

One's for the planning, actually.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

One's planning, okay.

**CHIEF OTTO:**

Yeah.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. Any questions for Chief Otto? Legislator Romaine.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

This is just •• this is for just ongoing renovations to the existing jail facility in Riverhead.

**CHIEF OTTO:**

That is correct.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

And the majority of this funding will be to replace two control panels?

**CHIEF OTTO:**

No, we didn't say that.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Okay.

**CHIEF OTTO:**

That's just for the ongoing renovations. We don't really know how much it's going to cost to move those two control panels.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

I see.

**CHIEF OTTO:**

Just a portion of that.

**LEG. ROMAINÉ:**

What are the other types of renovations that you would undertake under this capital project?

**CHIEF OTTO:**

We have a pretty big list here, but maybe that could be best answered by a representative from DPW.

**LEG. ROMAINÉ:**

Okay.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Is there a representative from DPW who's prepared to answer the question.

**LEG. ROMAINÉ:**

Tedd, our Architect.

**MR. GODEK:**

Mr. Chair, Tedd Godek, County Architect.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Sorry, the mike is not on. You could start again.

**MR. GODEK:**

Okay. Tedd Godek, County Architect. The list that we have for Phase 2 improvements include the replacement and repair of two air •• I'm sorry, 24 air handlers and controls. We're replacing the perimeter heating system and controls. We're replacing the main switch, an automatic transfer switch. We'll replace two vehicles, sally port gates and operators, and two pedestrian gate operators. We're modifying the parking lot to some extent. We're creating a storage room and a conference room in the visitors area. We're doing repairs to the tower, and we're doing some minor structural repairs to the jail itself.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

If I may follow•up. You're not getting this all done for 1.5 million dollars.

**MR. GODEK:**

Yeah, I believe the 1.5 •• there is money in other •• in subsequent years.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

In subsequent years. But what would it be that you would be doing in 2006 of that laundry list that you gave us?

**MR. GODEK:**

The planning aspect of the request will narrow that focus to the money that we have currently appropriated.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Okay.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay?

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

(Nodded Yes).

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

All right. Legislator Montano.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

I just want to be clear. I'm looking at the memorandum that was sent by the Assistant Deputy County Executive that's attached to the resolution. And we're talking about converting one of the existing pods of the minimum security into a direct supervision. So the 1.5 million includes that, but a number of other projects that are not included this resolution; is that correct?

**CHIEF OTTO:**

That is correct. It's part of the renovations, 3014.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Okay. I just thought it was for that one particular aspect and it seemed like a lot of money. Gotcha. Thanks.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Legislator Kennedy.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Mr. Chair, thank you. Chief, hi. How are you? Nice to see you again.

**CHIEF OTTO:**

Nice meeting you again.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I guess this is a question for both you and for Mr. Godek. Obviously, I mean, the facility needs ongoing repair work, and, you know, we know a whole host of issues associated with the jail, et.al. But, unfortunately, we saw an article I guess yesterday in Newsday that related to an incident with some personnel in the jail medical section actually there in Riverhead.

So, as we're discussing now a variety of different repairs and maintenance, I guess I've got to ask you two questions. One, is that physical layout associated with where medical services for prisoners are provided now satisfactory, and, if not, are you addressing that in whatever this round of repairs are that you're looking to go ahead and fund for us? Clearly, there seems to be some issues here.

**CHIEF OTTO:**

The renovations, if you would, for the jail medical section is not part of 3014 in these particular years that we have here.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. Well, then let me ask you the next question. If it's not, is that because you have physical adequacy with where the care is being done, or might we need to go ahead and do something to address the way that physical plant is laid out for your medical staff?



**CHIEF OTTO:**

As you know, Legislator, that under 3008, the new replacement facility in Yaphank, that medical question has been addressed with a state-of-the-art medical section, and those problems will •• you know are incorporated into that. Right now, the section that we have here is definitely too small, that's why we need to expand it. But, as far as the supervision and everything on it, Warden, I don't think we have a problem with that right now.

**WARDEN EWALD:**

No.

**CHIEF OTTO:**

We don't.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. We can have a discussion about this, I guess, at another time, because there's some other issues going on there. But I guess I would ask you, then, to look at the physical layout associated with where it's being provided now, cognizant of the fact that we may not see anything in Yaphank for, at best, 24 months, maybe 36 months. In the meantime, the lion's share of prisoners are going to be serviced out there in Riverhead. So, please, just take a look at I guess what the plant layout is.

**CHIEF OTTO:**

We'll do that. And I'm certain that the Warden has already done that, but we could talk to you later on it.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. Resolution 1386 is before us. Do I have a motion to accept •• approve?

**MR. MONTANO:**

Motion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Motion to approve by Legislator Montano, is there a second?

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Second by Legislator Browning. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1386 is approved. Thank you, sir.

**CHIEF OTTO:**

Thank you very much.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. I'd like to rewind now back to public portion. I have one yellow card, Mr. Clifford Hymowitz. Cliff, you have ••

**MR. HYMOWITZ:**

Three minutes.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

•• three minutes to address the committee.

**MR. HYMOWITZ:**

Make it fast, I got it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. I'd just like to share three observations with you that I plan on bringing to the attention of the Transportation Advisory Board, which will be meeting the second Wednesday of April, and we hope to have some recommendations for the committee to consider. So I'll just share with you the observations.

First observation was, on my way to a meeting with Legislator Stern this morning, I had a transfer from the S58 to S54. Both were scheduled to arrive at the transfer point at the same time. If I didn't know one of the providers, there would have been no assurance that I would have made my transfer. I think the issue is that we need to have a policy about people

having a comfort level to know their transfer will be made.

Number two, it's a consensus of drivers that I've spoken to that most people can't take advantage of the new transfer policy because there's not enough time limit. So that's another thing that •• in other words, they can't make two transfers plus the trip within two hours, so •• and that's another thing I'm bringing up.

And also is •• last thing is that I just want to thank you for your, you know, active interest, and to recommend that you pencil in April 24th around 9 o'clock in the morning. It's a tentative schedule for a meeting that is going to be cohosted with Councilman Bishop, where a representative from the Federal Transit Administration will be coming to Suffolk County to discuss the new \\_frame\\_ initiative, and I think that would be a great opportunity, and I recommend that whoever can attend do so, and you'll get notified as soon as I confirm the time with the Congressman. Thank you very much.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Cliff, I just want to thank you for your advocacy on the public transportation issues. And that transfer thing that you talked about, the fees, that's one thing that came right out of your efforts, and I think it's a nice improvement. It may need to be tweaked so that it can reach a broader pool of riders. And just so you know, I have been meeting with DPW officials, Bob Shinnick, and talking about some of the issues that you have brought to the attention of this committee. And you are not forgotten and you're being heard, and we are working hard to address those problems and make our public transportation system the best it can be.

**MR. HYMOWITZ:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. At this point, I'd like •• I'd like to bring forward Commissioner Bartha and any other members of the Department of Public Works who are part of the presentation involving the improvements at the County Center in Riverhead.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Thank you. With us today, we have Russ Ehasz of Ehasz Giacalone, the firm which has done the design for the Riverhead County Center project for us.

We've prepared this presentation in response to the request by the committee, and specifically Legislator Romaine at the last committee meeting, to identify the reasons that this project was delayed, as well as the changes from the original project that we were prepared to bid compared to the project that is under construction now, the first phase and the second phase, which will be bid at the very end of this year.

In a nutshell, the bidding of the project was delayed pending receipt of a DEC permit. We first made contact with the DEC to receive a •• to initiate the permit process back in December of 2003, and in November of 2005, we actually received the permit. In the meantime, there was significant construction cost escalation over both of the years that past increases in excess of 10%, which caused us to reevaluate the project and identify what we felt were the most important aspects of the project, which I did present to the committee last year, the Public Works Committee. We have the energy efficient measures incorporated in the project, we have the building environment features incorporated in the project. There will be new finishes, so people who work in the building will be working in a completely new and comfortable work environment, which will resolve a lot of the problems that they're facing out there now and have for many years.

So with that having been said, if it's okay with the committee, I'd like to ask Russ Ehasz to start this prepared presentation.

**MR. EHASZ:**

Thank you, Commissioner.

**LEG. LINDSAY:**

You're on.

**MR. EHASZ:**

They're on? Okay. Again, my name is Russ Ehasz, Ehasz Giacalone Architects. I'd like to give a quick five to ten minute, at the most,

presentation, and then, if there are any questions or answers, we'll address those.

Presently, the present scope of work is divided into two phases, Phase 1, which is in construction now out there, is an addition to the Kinsella storage facility and a south wing renovation. That's the health wing second floor area and partially the first. We're basically going to construct a two-story record storage addition, and that's a 23% increase for the County Clerk's space. We'll be renovating the vacated space for the health clinic and the ••

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Russ.

**MR. EHASZ:**

Yes.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Just quickly, that's 23% of the storage facility, not 23% of the County Clerk's Office.

**MR. EHASZ:**

No. The total of the two floors would add 23% to the total County Clerk's space.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

To the storage facility.

**MR. EHASZ:**

Total County Clerk. Now that's counting the court storage also as a part of that.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Okay, because there's 77,000 square feet in the County Clerk's Office.

**MR. EHASZ:**

And this is about 15,000 square feet.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Okay.

**MR. EHASZ:**

I think my math's right, but I'm not sure.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Close enough. Go ahead.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Close enough.

**MR. EHASZ:**

Okay. We are then going to be a part of Phase 1, which is starting now, would be the vacated space in the health wing, and those people who had moved to Yaphank in the new space out there, we'll be renovating that space for the health clinic consolidation. That will be moving the people on the other side of the building into that one module for all health facilities to be in there. We're also going to be upgrading the glass curtain wall around the south wing and that total time frame is one year. That's an energy conservation and it will add quite a bit to that for the south wing area. Then, as the Commissioner said ••

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Can I stop you for one second?

**MR. EHASZ:**

Sure.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

That Phase 1 •• the Phase 2 is not going to happen this year, that's a subsequent year. I didn't see in Phase 1 the elevator. Am I missing that, because we don't have handicapped accessibility on that second story right now.

**MR. EHASZ:**

That's in Phase 2.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

It's in Phase 2?

**MR. EHASZ:**

Yes.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Which will be bid late this year. That is worked that has been funded by the Legislature.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Because that's a real issue there, the escalator not working. There's no handicapped accessibility, to my understanding, on that second floor. It just seems like that ought to be in Phase 1, but ••

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

They haven't had handicapped accessibility for a dozen years.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

There actually is ••

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

I know. Let's get it done.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

There actually is handicapped accessibility. It's not particularly convenient, but there is handicapped accessibility.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

The elevator? They have an elevator.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

There is?

**MR. EHASZ:**

There is an elevator now, yes.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Oh, there is? That's working?

**MR. EHASZ:**

Yeah.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

It's at the other end of the building at the Health Department.

**MR. EHASZ:**

It is not a convenient place, but there is legally accessibility.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay.

**MR. EHASZ:**

Okay? Phase 2 again, which is in the working drawing stage now and, as the Commissioner said, will be bid the end of this year, basically makes up an in-place office improvement of all new ceilings, energy efficient lighting, new carpeting, tile, or whatever the flooring finish would be, and entire new paint project. It will expand and refurbish the Legislative media room into the lobby, and also completely refurbish the whole space. It will replace the escalator and a new elevator and stair in the lobby, which will add to the existing handicapped, and that's where it should be and it will be in the next phase. It will renovate all the bathrooms and provide ADA compliance on all the toilets that are in the building now. All the HVAC system will be upgraded and the efficiency and comfort in the building then should be solved as the overall project. Electrical distribution and fire alarm systems will also be completely replaced, and a fire sprinkling system will be installed in the entire building. The curtain wall, again, for the rest of the facility, with the exception of the Surrogate Court, which is in a future project, will also be completely replaced. Asbestos abatement, the minor part that's



there, will also be done in the entire part of that building, and it's about two years following Phase 1, which will start in 3/07 that the construction will be phased in and completed.

If you compare with the original scope the items that were deleted from the original scope were the complete gutting of the north and center wing office walls and reconfiguring all the offices. That's about 80,000 square feet. That was •• will not be done. The child care center was also removed from the project, reduced record storage addition by about fifty•eight hundred square feet. It was 22,000, it's about fifteen thousand something now. And the public access records were taken out and they will stay where they are now. Reduced need for substantial expansion in swing space, the record storage addition will serve as that swing space, rather than using very expensive trailers.

The Legislative meeting room expansion and refurbishing, that will take place, and that was added to the project, both planning and the construction part of that.

We then have these layouts of the different areas. I'm not going into details keep it •• we can go back to those if you have questions about specific areas, but the next two sheets are the current proposed floor plans. And then the next two plans are the existing department locations, both the first and the second floor. We then have drawings which reflect the original proposed floor plans, which basically, as we said, guts it and does a more efficient layout for both the first and second floor.

But in summary, again, to keep it until I get to your questions and answers, the summary of the project, the original intent was to provide occupant comfort, energy conservation, ADA compliance, improve space functions of the different groups, asbestos removal, and HVAC electrical upgrades. The current project, which meets the original intent by •• but we will be saving, and demolition and reconfiguring some floors, basically with some exceptions, we will be keeping the existing partitions that are in place. There'll be less need for swing space. The use of trailers will not be necessary, and that's why it was divided into two phases with the record storage. And the existing vacated health center will be used as the swing space, people •• while the construction is being done.

There will be less added efficiency in the space apportionment, because they will have to live with the existing spaces generally, with some minor exceptions, but •• and there will be less convenience for employees during construction, because we'll be breaking up groups as we move them around to do the construction. I'll now open for any questions anyone has.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Let me start with two questions. One is, in the •• in all of the Phase 1 and 2, is there any plans to improve the transit access to the complex? Public transit?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

No. Independently of this, we have conversations. We have been looking at the bus stop location, and Bob Shinnick could address that, if he would like.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. I've been told there's currently a problem with the transit access.

**MR. SHINNICK:**

Good afternoon. I'm always here to hear problems with the public transportation system. What we have now is a situation where we have two shelters and a protected area, but it's along the curb line at the County Center. But we do have issues of access for the bus users into the building, which have to do with security problems, as well as, because of the growing ridership, we have overflow situations from time to time with riders not being able to be protected from the weather because of the size of the shelters. So, you know, this is a work in progress. As the County Center redevelopment plans continue we'll have input here, but we'll be looking for more protection for the riders themselves and better access to the building.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. So it's not a part of this project, but it's something that's on your mind and you're looking at it in the future. That's fair enough. I had another question for the architect, and this is kind of a small detail, but for those of us at the horseshoe, particularly in the •• Kate Browning, who sits

next to me in the Third Legislative seat, which is about in the position where the Presiding Officer is sitting now, there is a ••

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Pillar.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

There's beam directly behind it that makes passage impossible without having to get out of your seat and stand up, push the chair in, and so it interferes with the flow during the meetings.

**LEG. LINDSAY:**

That's the 19th Legislator.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

When you change the •• I don't know what your plans are in terms of you did say that's been added, refurbishing the Legislative meeting room, but if you can solve that problem, maybe by shrinking the horseshoe a little bit or moving it ••

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Forward.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

•• forward slightly, it would be a great help.

**MR. MONTANO:**

That is a question.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Well, is it ••

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Duly noted. We'll make sure that happens.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

I don't know if you've gotten that far with your planning, but ••

**MR. EHASZ:**

We're about to get to that stage, so we definitely will take a look at that, and based on that ••

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

I appreciate it.

**MR. EHASZ:**

Good.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Thanks, Jay.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. So now questions from •• I thinking about you. Pete O'Leary used to complain about that all the time before you. All right. We'll start to my right. Legislator Romaine.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Yes. Good afternoon. Sometime ago, I believe that it was in 2004, the Legislature appropriated, or at least indicated that they wanted •• had set some money aside as part of this renovation for a data center for the County Clerk's Office. Is that data center incorporated into your plans?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

That's not part of the current planning. There's some policy issues that I understand with the Office of Information Management as far as consolidation of those kind of responsibilities, I think is the best way to put it. So we are working with both the Budget Office and the •• and Sharon Cates Williams and the Clerk to ••

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

But correct me, there is an adopted resolution directing Public Works to put a data center in the County Center.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

I believe it's in the Capital Program, is what I'm told, or Capital Budget. I don't know that there's any resolution adopted to appropriate the funds.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Okay, that's fair. I'll be happy to check that out. Let me ask you about the renovations. I know that when you renovated the Health wing of the County Center, you moved all the personnel during that renovation of that area when you were renovating it. Why are you not moving people, because both the County Treasurer's Office, the Real Property Tax Service Agency, and the County Clerk's Office are extremely active offices with hundreds of people visiting them every day, and to try to do construction by using swing space and moving people around during this time period would seem to me to create some problem for access for the general public, or possibly offer liability situations. I just want to raise that question so you could address that.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Well, I'll let the architect address it in detail, but that is •• certainly has been a major component of this project. Going back to before we even put pencil to paper it was an issue, because it was so important for the County Clerk's Office and the Treasurer's Office to be in proximity to each other and the records and for the public. What we have gone through, a number of different phasing plans, and appreciate that phasing also involves the HVAC system, so that we can't just turn off •• decide what works well on the plan without looking at how it impacts the HVAC systems. Russ can address that in more detail.

**MR. EHASZ:**

We're in that phase right now of developing the new phasing. We have in the past, the old project, 58 drawings reflecting all the different phases. We will have that same approximate number that we have now. The overall plan is to use the Kinsella expansion for swing space, and also the abandoned •• not abandoned, people that moved into Yaphank as that space for swing space. So that phasing plan is being developed and we will end up with just about the same number of drawings detailing exactly how that will happen.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Let me ask you one other question. As you know, in the County Clerk's Office, one of their •• because of the historic nature of this county and its age, it has thousands of deed and mortgage libers, which are those big books. How are you planning to deal with that. Are you planning •• obviously, you're planning to renovate. Is that the south wing, I believe, or the west wing?

**MR. EHASZ:**

That's the ••

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

West wing, I believe.

**MR. EHASZ:**

The north wing.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

North wing, okay.

**MR. EHASZ:**

That is the only space that we won't be moving those books out of there. However, what we'll be doing is off hours, we have •• part of the plan is to do it on the closed hours. We will be very carefully protecting the books and doing that in small phases each night, and then it will be open the following day for public access. It will not avoid having the public able to get to those records. That's the only part of the facility that we're aware of, and since we're not moving it, we have to do that in place. So that will be nighttime activity.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Okay. And now the •• you had to cancel the child care center, the day•care center?

**MR. EHASZ:**

That's because of budget. Right now that is not a part of the project.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

That's not part of the project. Who would be occupying the space that was intended for day•care?

**MR. EHASZ:**

Actually, a lot of the record storage is in that area. That's the wing on the first floor that it was going to go in, and we were going to move that to the new wing. Now we're not moving it.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Oh, those are surrogate records, surrogate court, they're not County Clerk.

**MR. EHASZ:**

Well, it's Surrogate. The actual child care just about took up three •• took up about three•quarters of that wing on the •• that would be on the south •  
• no, on the east side of that.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Unless ••

**MR. EHASZ:**

There's a drawing that shows that.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Right. That's the Surrogates records downstairs, they have that room. But are there •• are there provisions to maintain the current number of cubicles that the County leases out? I assume that this area has been declared surplus space.

**MR. EHASZ:**

Right now, the existing I believe is 30, approximately 30 spaces. We did at one time have seventy something and we will probably be hitting, I believe the number was fifty something is what we went through with both you and I think Judy out there.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**



Right.

**MR. EHASZ:**

So that's what we'll be ending up with, about fifty something.

**LEG. ROMAINÉ:**

And, lastly, you've presented this plan to the new County Clerk?

**MR. EHASZ:**

Well, we presented to the County Clerk that was out there and I don't think ••

**LEG. ROMAINÉ:**

And that was me, but ••

**MR. EHASZ:**

Yes. And I don't think Judy was •• was Judy in the meeting? I'm not •• I don't think so, but ••

**LEG. ROMAINÉ:**

I don't know if she was in those meetings.

**MR. EHASZ:**

Yeah. Well, we can go back out.

**LEG. ROMAINÉ:**

You should speak with her about that so she has a better feeling of •• particularly since you're leaving staff in place. I mean, I just want to say when you renovated the health wing, you moved everyone out so you could do the renovations. To leave staff in place, very tricky thing, because that means the public is to be using that facility in the midst of construction. So whatever phasing you would do, you may want to check with the current County Clerk, so that she's aware of this, because it will have a tremendous impact on the employees, obviously, during this time period, and it looks like it's going to be two to three years time period as a minimum, and that's a long time to have ••



**MR. EHASZ:**

We'll definitely address that.

**LEG. ROMAINÉ:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. Legislator Browning.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Yeah, talking about the elevator, I have ridden that elevator and it's terrible. Is there plans to fix it?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Well, there'll be a new elevator in the ••

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Good.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

•• What's presently the lobby. The escalator, which hasn't functioned during my career ••

**MR. PEARSALL:**

Nor mine.

**LEG. ROMAINÉ:**

Or mine.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Nor mine.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

•• will be he removed and we're going to put an elevator there.

**MR. EHASZ:**

And a nice monumental stair, so you could either use the elevator or the stair. It would be the same location.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Legislator Kennedy.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Hi, Charlie, how are you?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Good, John.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Russ. Several of the things that Legislator Romaine I guess brought up, obviously, we have shared about, and, you know, I have equal concerns out there, but I'd like to go through a couple of the items I guess that were made when you went from Phase 1 into Phase 2, because, clearly, my recollection is that we were going to achieve a much better ability to go ahead and render our services to the public and that by doing that, we were going to gain some significant efficiencies as far as the work flow goes for the various units there in the Clerk's Office. Time goes on. I don't know it took 23 months in order to get a DEC permit. We got a drain board thing pulled in about 14 days, so it defies logic that it would take 23 months in order to get a DEC permit. But that notwithstanding, you get to the point now where you're doing these various replacements in kind. And when you talk about upgrading systems, I guess what I'd ask you is, is are you •• let's start with the HVAC. The HVAC we all agree at this point is absolutely, positively bordering on criminal in that building because of the quality of air. If you're not up upgrading it, you're gutting the whole thing and starting from scratch, right?

**MR. EHASZ:**

Complete replacement, yes.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. The electrical system, in a similar fashion, that electrical system in there goes out once every two to three days any time you put a good load

on it. The whole thing is going out; correct? You're not running with the same existing wiring harness that's in there, you're yanking it all?

**MR. EHASZ:**

We're rewiring the entire building.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

So we're not upgrading systems, basically, you're talking about putting in completely new systems. The child care area, what was the decision making that went on to go ahead and abandon the day-care center?

**MR. GODEK:**

There was a Legislative resolution that directed that we not go ahead with a health care center in Riverhead.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Child Care.

**MR. GODEK:**

Sorry, the child care center, without direction and proof that it was economically viable based on what happened in Hauppauge where they're having severe financial difficulties. And so we were told not to go ahead with it based on that resolution. Keith, what's the resolution number.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

That resolution certainly was before my time. I have no recollection of it, and I'd be happy to go ahead and take a look at. I know that the economic model adopted here for Hauppauge was grossly inadequate, and, as a matter of fact, the entity that was retained to operate the center had prohibitive rates as far as furnishing care. And we talked at length about the opportunities to go ahead and work in conjunction with some of these state-based centers in order to go ahead and get aid. I certainly would question that policy decision to abandon providing a service as critical as that, since there's such an overwhelming need there.

**MR. GODEK:**

Resolution 993 of 2003 directed us not to go ahead. We build them, we

don't •• we don't make that policy.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I'll get it pulled. You talked about, I guess, there will be 50 cubicles that ultimately are going to wind up being replaced in this new configuration?

**MR. EHASZ:**

There are thirty, and I'm not 100% sure, I'm pretty sure of these numbers, there's thirty something now. We were going to do seventy something and the project currently is about fifty something. I can get those exact numbers for you, if you'd like.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I don't if the numbers are, the exact ••

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Sixty•six.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Yeah, the exact numbers •• right, it's 66 that are in place now. But, again, I'd just like to reiterate a question that Legislator Romaine had queried before as far as the actual designation of that area as surplus space and, therefore, available for this use. Is that something that the Space Committee does, Charlie? How does that come about?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

I'd ask Rich LaValle to address that. He's been spending a lot of time on this issue.

**CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:**

The Legislature had actually directed through a resolution for the Space Management Steering Committee to investigate that particular area and make a determination as to whether it was surplus to the County's needs.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

809 of 97, yeah, I recall.

**CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:**

And the committee did do that, and it was only a recommendation and advisory opinion that the space was not surplus to the County's needs, but the County actually needed the space. There's a lot of •• the space, obviously, in the County Center is very tight, and at the time we made that decision, it was based on information we had gleaned from a preliminary study that was done as part of this contract by the consultant as to the space availability in the building, and we subsequently •• that particular Advisory Committee was sent not only to the County Exec, but was also sent to the Legislature.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Richard, then I guess what I would say to you is here we're looking at, you know, something that's almost eight years later and we have no firm determination, and, clearly, that impacts on what the decision•making is at this point as far as what ultimately we're going to get after this project renovation. Many of those recommendations that we originally talked about, and I sat in some of those meetings with you, you know, going back a couple of years ago, as far as what we anticipated, you know, in a way of enhancements and benefits for just the sheer physical work flow that's out there. Now we come to find, I guess, that we've got something that, you know, is, in my mind anyhow from a policy perspective, is a significant open question.

**CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:**

We still have •• don't forget that it's in the Legislature who initiated a resolution which directed us of how we should handle the title examiner area.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I recall the Legislators involved then at length. As a matter of fact, I was involved quite a bit in the discussions.

**CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:**

And since that time that's how we've been operating is under the direction of that Legislative resolution, and we're in the process now of actually executing license agreements with the title examiners.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I'm aware of that, too. As a matter of fact, I had a resolution last Fall.

**CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:**

You know, we did •• the committee did make an advisory opinion with regard to the space availability, but there hasn't been anything from the Legislature to indicate differently. So, apparently, administration is moving ••

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I will •• I will defer to my colleagues. I don't want to monopolize the time. There's just one other request, I guess, that I'm going to ask you, though, in this planning stuff, specific, if you will. When you talk about installation of a fire safety system, please look at an alternative to a traditional water•based sprinkler system. Again, everybody knows there are areas with mountains of original documents that exist. Now God forbid we ever had a fire, but if there was suppression that was going to go on, there are various alternative dry suppression, I believe, aren't there chemical•based systems, other types of systems that might at the very least preserve some of your documentation that you may have if, God forbid, you even get a smoke event that would go ahead and trigger. If we have water, that stuff's gone, gone and irretrievable. Okay. I'll defer. Thanks, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Presiding Officer Lindsay.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

I just have one question. The original amount of money we appropriated is going to be spent on this renovation, we didn't cut down the ••

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

The money that was appropriated, we anticipate we will use all of it on this project.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Okay. So the scope is scaled down as to match the budget.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Correct.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Okay. That's it.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Any other questions? Legislator Romaine.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Just a quick question. The 1997 resolution regarding title searches expired in 2004. If you check the resolution, it is a time-dated resolution, number one. And number two, and this is really a question that the County Attorney should answer, can this County lease space that the Space Management Committee has declared not surplus?

**CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:**

There was a later resolution by the Legislature. I don't have it with me.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Not to my knowledge. The only resolution that controlled the activities of the title searchers was a '97 resolution and then in 2004 there was a resolution that the County Executive wanted transferring the responsibilities of the title searchers from the County Clerk to the County Executive, which at that time I supported. Since the County Executive wanted that responsibility, I'm sure he's enjoying it at this moment. However, I question our ability to lease space that we have not declared surplus. That raises a lot of questions, because, usually, for a government to lease space, it must declare it surplus, and if the Space Management Committee has not declared it surplus, I want to know our legal basis for leasing the space. And that's a question that I will ask Counsel, possibly, if Counsel will pursue that with the County Attorney, and possibly could inform the members of this committee. Thank you so much.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. So that concludes the presentation on the County Center improvements, but, Commissioner Bartha, is there anything else that you wanted to bring to our attention before we move the agenda?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

I was just going to ask if I could leave now.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

I feel the same way. Let's go through the agenda. If your help is needed on specific items, then we'll ask you to chime in.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Please, don't leave yet, Charlie.

**TABLED PRIME**

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

All right. **Resolution 1005** • Authorizing •• authorization of •• alternation of rates?

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Alternative.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Alternation.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

I think there's a mistake in the agenda. Alteration of alternation? I think it's •• is it alternative?

**LEG. LINDSAY:**

Alternative. Mine says alternative.

**MR. NOLAN:**

Alteration of rates.



**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

***Authorization of alteration of rates for Sayville Ferry Service for cross bay service between Sayville New York and Fire Island communities.*** Is there a •• the public hearing is closed. We're ready to go. Is there a motion to approve?

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

I make a motion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Motion by the Presiding Officer.

**MR. MONTANO:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Second by Legislator Montano. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions?  
1005 is **approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0)**

***1030 • To authorize a request for proposal to re•establish the Bay Shore Health Center.***

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Motion to table.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Motion to table. Is there a second to •• on the tabling motion?

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Motion by Legislator Montano, tabling, by •• who is that, Legislator Horsley?

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Yep.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. On the motion, Legislator Montano.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Yeah. I just want to put on the record, you know, obviously we're not in opposition, we're all in favor of establishing the Bay Shore Health Center. I spoke with Legislator Alden earlier. We are looking at some alternatives. We're in discussions, but I think it's •• you know, I'm not going belabor this, it's premature to put this resolution forward. I'd like to have it tabled.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay there's a motion and second to table. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1030 is **tabled. (Vote: 8•0•0•0)**

***1164 • Establishing a County policy to require hybrid alternative fuel buses in the Suffolk County Transit System.*** Is there a motion?

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Motion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Motion by Legislator Romaine.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Second by Legislator Browning.

**MR. MONTANO:**

On the motion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

On the motion, Legislator Montano.

**MR. MONTANO:**

Yeah. If I recall correctly at the last meeting, the Commissioner had

indicated the cost factor of this resolution. Could you •• I forget what your comments were, but I was under the impression that the department was not recommending that we move forward on this.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

That's correct, because this would seriously restrict the amount of buses that we're able to buy. A bus typically costs approximately \$300,000. A hybrid bus could cost \$500,000. Hybrid buses don't have the same record of history that hybrid cars do. We do •• there is a pilot program where we are buying four transit buses that are hybrid and that I would suggest that we wait until we have receipt of those buses ••

**LEG. BROWNING:**

I make a motion to table.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

•• and have at least a year's history of their operation.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. There's a motion to table by Legislator Browning, second by Legislator Montano. All in favor of tabling? Any opposed? Abstentions?

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Cogent argument.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

1164 is **tabled**. (Vote: 8•0•0•0). See, aren't you glad you stuck around?  
**1217 • To evaluate the feasibility of establishing cogeneration for County facilities in Yaphank and the North County Complex.** Does anybody know what it is?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

We had requested ••

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Commission Bartha.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Thank you. We had requested at the last meeting that this be tabled. In the meantime, we have worked with the sponsor and the resolution before you is a resolution that we support. What it will do is we will work with NYPA, and we're presently doing that with respect to cogeneration at the Yaphank Campus in particular.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Could I just weigh in on this?

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Question, Legislator Lindsay?

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Yeah. Charlie, this is something that myself and Mr. Schroeder have talked about as well, and I think both you guys know that when you have a campus of that size, there's all kinds of people out in private industry that's willing to respond to an RFP about building a cogeneration facility, and it's really •• some of the deals out there are really good that you can't really lose on, because they usually sell the power back to you cheaper than what you're buying from the utility.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Right.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Was there a question or that was a comment?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

We're optimistic that it will make sense for the Skilled Nursing Facility in particular because there's a 24•hour load there.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Is there a motion on 1217?

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Yeah, okay.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Did we already do a motion?

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Do we have a motion? No?

**MS. ORTIZ:**

No.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. So motion by Legislator Browning, second by Legislator Montano.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

But I have a question on the motion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. On the motion, Legislator Montano.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Yeah. We're calling for a request for expressions of interest, or do I have the old copy?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

I think you have the old copy.

**MR. MONTANO:**

Okay.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

The present copy talks about an RFP.

**MR. MONTANO:**

Okay.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Evaluate feasibility, right?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Correct.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

So it's an RFP to study the feasibility of cogeneration.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Yeah. We have made a preliminary determination that it would work at that location by working with NYPA, and this will be funded by NYPA. I'm looking at my staff.

**MR. GODEK:**

Either through NYPA or through an energy savings program, either one.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Charlie, if I may.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Mr. Montano.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

I have a copy of the resolution, dated 2/7. You have an amended copy?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

I have dated 2/7 also.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Am I looking at the right one?

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Different time of day?

**LEG. MONTANO:**

RFEI, right?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Not the copy I have. My copy is one page. Do you have more than one page?

**MR. MONTANO:**

My copy is one page. I'm looking at the first resolved.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

First resolved.

**MR. MONTANO:**

Request for expressions of interest. I highlighted that in yellow.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Yeah. That's where the changes •• changes were made.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Okay. I don't have that.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

All right. Just if you could supply us with a copy. I think we could move, though ••

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Okay.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

•• on the legislation. We had a motion and a second. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1217 is **approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0)**

***1221 • Adopting a Local Law to promote Energy Efficient Environmentally Friendly Dredge Projects.*** We have closed the public hearing. Is there a motion to approve?

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

There's a motion by Legislator Montano.

**MR. MONTANO:**

(Nodded yes)

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Second by Legislator Browning. Got to be careful when you nod.

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Yeah, I see that.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

All right. Any discussion? Commissioner Bartha, any comments?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Again, we worked with Legislator Fisher on that and brought it to an area that satisfied both her intent and our recommendations.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1221 is **approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0).**

### **INTRODUCTORY PRIME**

Moving on to Introductory Resolution **1256 • Authorizing transfer of three surplus County computers to the Islip Academic Center.**

**MR. MONTANO:**

Second.



**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Motion by ••

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Motion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

•• Legislator Lindsay.

**MR. MONTANO:**

I'll second.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Second by Legislator Montano. All in favor? Any opposed? 1256 is **approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0)**

***1277 • Directing the Suffolk County Sewer Agency to prepare maps, plans, reports and make recommendations in accordance with Article 5•A to form a sewer district at Willow Ponds on the Sound in the Town of Riverhead.*** I have a Motion by Legislator Romaine.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Second by ••

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Second by Legislator Lindsay. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1277 is **approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0)**

***1329 • Appropriating funds in connection with the purchase of sewer facility maintenance equipment.*** Is there a motion? I'll make a motion.

**MR. MONTANO:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Second by Legislator Montano. Commissioner, any information on this?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Well, it's \$750,000 of major equipment, including a \\_vactor\\_ , a six•wheel dump truck, some tractors for sludge hauling, and some smaller equipment.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Which facility?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Approximately half is for the Southwest Sewer District and the balance is for the other County sewer districts.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Are those funds charged to those tax districts, or is it a •• is this a county •wide expense?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

It's charged to the sewer districts. I'd look to Budget Review as how •• would know that better than myself.

**MS. GAZES:**

The original source of funding was a transfer from the Sewer Maintenance Fund, and that's •• other sewer districts contribute into that.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. We did have a motion and a second, right? Yes. Okay. All in favor? This is on 1239. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions. 1230 •• I'm sorry, 1329, 1329 is **approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0)**

***1331 • Authorizing public hearings pursuant to Article 2 of the Eminent Domain Procedure Law of the State of New York in connection with the acquisition of properties to be acquired for the replacement of bridge carrying C.R. 67, Motor Parkway over the Long Island Expressway, Kennedy Drive to Hauffman Avenue, Town of Islip (Suffolk County, New York (CP5172)).*** There's a ••

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I'll make a motion to approve.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Motion by Legislator Kennedy, second by Legislator Montano. Any discussion? All favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1331 is **approved**.  
**(Vote: 8•0•0•0)**

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Isn't Kennedy going to recuse himself?

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Because it's named after him?

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

It's true.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

It's his around, it's the Kennedy road.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I get around, get around.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

It was part of that Adopt•a•Highway Program, I guess, right?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

We made the limit to that project intentionally, though.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

That would have been a dead end.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

I wouldn't doubt that he had named it after himself. All right.

***1332 • Approving maps and authorizing the acquisition of lands together with findings and determinations pursuant to Section 204 of the Eminent Domain Procedure Law, in connection with the***

***acquisition of the properties for the reconstruction of C.R. 16, Smithtown Boulevard at C.R. 93, Rosevale Avenue and Gibbs Pond Road (Town of Smithtown, Suffolk County, New York (CP5118)).***

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I'll make the motion to approve.

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Motion by Legislator Kennedy, second by •• was that Legislator D'Amaro or •

**LEG. D'AMARO:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

D'Amaro. All favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1332 is **approved**.  
**(Vote: 8•0•0•0).**

***1333 • Approving maps and authorizing the acquisition of lands together with findings and determinations pursuant to Section 204 of the Eminent Domain Procedure Law, in connection with the acquisition of the properties for the reconstruction of C.R. 67, Motor Parkway (Town of Islip, Suffolk County, New York (CP 5533)).*** Yadda, yadda. Motion by Legislator Kennedy.

**MR. MONTANO:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Second by Legislator Montano. On the motion, Legislator Kennedy.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Right. Charlie, can you just describe for me where this segment lies? Where is it in relation to the Expressway bridge, 1331? Is it further east on

Motor Parkway or west back by the Sheraton?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

It's towards the Sheraton, this property.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Oh, it is. So ••

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

It's on the other side of Vets Highway.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

And this will actually do what, this will further widen Motor Parkway? I mean, is it ••

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

There's really no shoulders there right now for a broken down vehicle to pull over to.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Right.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

What this will do is provide that safety area for a vehicle to pull into.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. But it's not going to add any additional lanes or anything to that effect?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

No.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. All right. Thank you.

**MR. MONTANO:**

If I may.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Yeah, sure. Legislator Montano.

**MR. MONTANO:**

I'm sorry. Charlie, could you just give me the geographics of that again? It's Motor Parkway between where?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Between Blydenburgh Road and the vicinity of Hoffman Lane.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

All right. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1333 is **approved**.  
(Vote: 8•0•0•0).

***1336 • Transferring Assessment Stabilization Reserve Funds to the Capital Fund, amending the 2006 Operating Budget, and appropriating funds for the purchase of Division of Sanitation laboratory equipment (CP 8166).*** Do we have a motion? Motion by myself. That's at least for the purpose of discussion. Can I get a second?

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Second by Legislator Horsley. Commissioner, if you want to inform us as to the details.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

We're required under our DEC permits to do a variety of tests to ensure the operation of the treatment plant meets their permit requirements. What this •• and we have a pretty sophisticated laboratory of our own, which minimizes the amount of laboratory testing we have to contract out. What this will allow us to purchase is a gas chromatograph, along with a mass spectrometer and an inductively coupled plasma optical spectrometer.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Ooh, sounds spiffy. All right.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

This way we can get a good look at the sewage.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Yeah, very careful. It looks like sewage.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Does it meet the sniff test?

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Smells like sewage. Okay. So that's 1336. We've had a motion and a second. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1336 is carried. **(Vote: 8•0•0•0)**

***1355 • Directing the Administrative Head of Suffolk County Sewer District No. 3 to study and determine the necessity of increasing fees for scavenger waste discharge and treatment.*** I'll make a motion.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Second by Legislator Horsley. Do we need any explanation? Commission Bartha?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

We support that. A periodic review of the scavenger waste fees is something that should be done and we do do periodically and we're in the midst of it now.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

This is a Bergen Point facility and our fees I think currently are around four cents, four•and•a•half cents a gallon, whereas the other two facilities operating in Suffolk County, one in East Hampton and one in Southampton, are charging in the neighborhood of seven cents a gallon, about twice,

almost twice as much. So Commissioner Bartha would then hold a hearing to look at potential increases. All in favor? Oh, I'm sorry. Discussion?

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

On the motion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Legislator Kennedy.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Just a quick question. Obviously, this is something that we should be doing in many, many different places when we're in a fee•collecting position. But where does this revenue wind up going, Charlie? Does this revert back to the sewer district •• Sewer District 3 funding itself or this General Funds revenue?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

No, it goes to the sewer district. And the •• any time we've done this in the past, and we would certainly do it the same way, is we look to see that it maintains the service at no cost, that the sewer district is not subsidizing it, and that it's basically a break•even operation.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

But the revenues remain within the operations budget of SD•3?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

That's correct.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

And those who aren't unfamiliar with scavenger waste, not to give details, but basically these are those carters that come if cesspool is overflowing and they come and they pump it.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Honey•dippers.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**



Right, honey•dippers, and they carry it and they pay a fee to have it received at these facilities.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

They drive through Babylon Village.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. So we had a motion and a second. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1355 is **approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0)**

***1356 • Authorizing public hearing for renewal of ferry license and fares for Tony's Freight Service, Inc.*** What, is that a ferry?

**MS. ORTIZ:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

It is?

**MS. ORTIZ:**

Well, in essence, yeah.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

All right. Is there a motion?

**LEG. MONTANO:**

Motion to approve.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Motion by Legislator Montano, second by ••

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Legislator Browning. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1356 is **approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0)**

**1357 • Approving renewal and (extension of ferry license and fares of Tony's Freight Service, Inc.) ••** Oh, we did that one. No, it's different.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Public hearing.

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Transferring escrow?

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Oh, right. The first one was for the public hearing, the second one has to wait. So I'll make a motion to table 1357, a second by Legislator Montano. All in favor? Any opposed? 1357 is **tabled. (Vote: 8•0•0•0)**

**1359 • Transferring Escrow Account Revenues to the Capital Fund, amending the 2006 Capital Budget and appropriating funds for engineering services on the ocean outfall in Suffolk County Sewer District No. 3 • Southwest (CP 8108).** Let's at least get a motion and a second for discussion. Motion by Legislator Browning, second by Legislator Horsley. On the motion, if we could •• Commissioner, if you can provide any additional information.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

The ocean outfall goes from the treatment plant in Bergen Point to approximately two•and•a•half miles off shore. We had several •• about two years ago we hired an engineer based on deterioration of pipe made at the same plant in the same era as our outfall, over 25 years ago, and we •• this is to continue the evaluation of that pipe. It's a very corrosive environment and we have a •• there's a combination, \\_impressed current\\_ and cathodic protection, protection system. What this will do is allow the engineering study of the portion in the bay to have a diver go down and examine the sacrificial anodes on the pipe to see what condition they are in and make recommendations if further action has to be taken.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. We've had a motion and a second. If there's no further discussion, all in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1359 is **approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0)**. Thank you, Commissioner.

***1360 • Transferring Assessment Stabilization Reserve Funds to the Capital Fund, amending the 2006 Capital Budget and Program, and appropriating funds for improvement in the Suffolk County Sewer District No. 5 • Strathmore, Huntington area CP 8115).*** We have a motion?

**LEG. BROWNING:**  
Motion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

We have a motion by Legislator Browning, second by Legislator Montano. All •• any discussion? Any information needed? All right. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1360 is **approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0)**

***1361 • Authorizing the filing of application with the Federal Transit Administration, an Operating Administration of the United States Department of Transportation, for Federal Transportation Financial Assistance for mass transportation projects for Suffolk County authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 Title 23 United States Code and other Federal Statutes administered by the Federal Transit Administration.*** Do I have to read these whole things?

**LEG. ROMAINE:**  
Motion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**  
Fast enough of the.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**  
Do the "yadda, yadda".

**LEG. BROWNING:**  
I make a motion. I make a motion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

There's a motion by Legislator Romaine, a second by Legislator Browning. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1361 is **approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0)**

***1362 • Amending prior capital authorized appropriations for storm remediation improvements for CR 80 (Montauk Highway at Oceanview Road (CP 8240.3111)).*** There's a motion?

**MR. MONTANO:**

Motion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Motion by Legislator Montano, second by Legislator Romaine. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1362 is **approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0)**

***1363 • Authorizing the filing of an application again with the FTA (Federal Transit Administration), an Operating Administration of the United States Department of Transportation, for Federal Transportation Capital Assistance for the purchase of transit buses and related equipment authorized by 49 U.S.C. (Chapter 53 Title 23 United States Code and other Federal Statutes administered by the Federal Transit Administration), etcetera.*** There's a motion by Legislator Browning, second by Legislator Montano. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1363 is **approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0).**

***1364 • To approve the purchase of two (2) replacement vehicles in the Suffolk County Department of Health Services.***

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I'll make a motion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Motion by Legislator Kennedy, second by Legislator Romaine. On the motion, Legislator Romaine.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

I'd like to ask what division of the Health Department would be using these vehicles?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

One •• I believe there's someone from the Health Department here who'll address that.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Mr. Minei.

**DIRECTOR MINEI:**

I'm proud that Charlie recognizes me as someone after 35 years of working together. I'm Vito Minei, Director of Environmental Quality. There are two vehicles under consideration. I'll answer for half of them. Number one, Division of Environmental Quality. It's a replacement vehicle for our well •drilling crew. It's a support vehicle. It's a heavy •duty pickup truck with some appurtenances for well •drilling. We haven't had a replacement in a number of years. It's very important to all our well •drilling activities.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

No, I'm supportive of it. I just wanted to put that on the record. Thank you.

**DR. WETLI:**

I'm Dr. Charles Wetli of the Division of Medical Legal Investigations and Forensic Sciences, more commonly known as the Medical Examiner's Office, and we need a morgue ambulance. We have two right now with over 100,000 miles and two with over 60,000 miles, so this would be a replacement for one of those ambulances.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

And one is sufficient?

**DR. WETLI:**

At this time, yes. We have another one for I think 2005, which is already in the works to be replaced, so we'll be up to speed.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Thank you very much.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Appreciate it. Okay. There's a motion and a second. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1364 is **approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0)**

***1366 • Transferring Assessment Stabilization Reserve Funds to the Capital Fund, amending the 2006 Operating Budget, and appropriating funds for Mobile Dewatering System in Suffolk County Sewer Districts (CP 8133).*** Motion by Legislator Browning, second by Legislator D'Amaro. Thank you. Any discussion? Commissioner, do you want to explain the dewatering systems, where they're going?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Sure.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

They're mobile dewatering system.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

As you know, Bergen Point is our largest sewage treatment plant and that has dewatering operations right there. We have 20 other sewer districts around the County and they •• also, we have to transport the sludge from those treatment plants to Bergen Point, which is a two•shift•a•day, seven •day•a•week operation. It's a very costly operation and we •• this will save us money by being able to reduce the volume of material that has to be moved either from the site to either Bergen Point or to a landfill out of county.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

And the weight, specifically, right? You're taking all the water out, so ••

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Correct.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Legislator Kennedy.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Just a follow-up question. Charlie, we actually have the equipment, I guess, tank trucks, or whatever it is, and County personnel that are driving this sludge from all these different sewage treatment places down to Babylon?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

That's correct.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. So, I mean •• all right.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Does the sludge remain at Bergen Point or is it carted then somewhere else?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Right now, it's carted somewhere else. It's carted to either Virginia or Ohio, I believe. We have a contract. It costs us about \$65 a ton to have it carted. We have a capital project that we'll be bidding later this year for new incinerators to be constructed, which will allow us to incinerate the sludge on site and then landfill ash.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Legislator Romaine. I'm not going to touch that last one. Go ahead.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

My understanding is, in the past •• my understanding is, in the past, we have incinerated. What happened to the incinerators that were operating?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

The incinerators that were operating, the main problem is that they would

not meet the current EPA air emission standards.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

When did you shut them down?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

At least two or three years ago.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

And between now and then, there hasn't been a capital request to replace them with upgraded incinerators?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Well, initially, we looked at the cost effectiveness of repairing •• upgrading them to meet the emission standards and the cost effectiveness of that as well as the design. This is a major project to design. It's over 30 million dollars of construction. So that design is underway now and will be completed to allow the project to be bid at the end of the year. We have to go through a public hearing process also, but ••

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

So, in the meantime, we've been shipping the dewatered sludge, if you wish.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Trucking it.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

We've been shipping it or trucking it to Virginia and other facilities?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

That's correct.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Where they're landfilled.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**



That's correct.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

And we're not landfilling them on Long Island because they won't meet standards on Long Island?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

With the groundwater, yes.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Are we going ••

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

And the incinerator will reduce the sludge by what volume, because you'll still have volume left over after incineration?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Yeah, it reduces the volume tremendously. Or maybe Ben Wright could tell us, but ••

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Charlie, is it waste energy conversion or it's just burning it?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

We actually •• even the one that was first there was waste energy conversion or waste heat boiler there and that was over 25 years ago it was first constructed. So this is an entirely different type of incinerator. It's a fluidized bed, which Ben can address.

**MR. WRIGHT:**

No. It will reduce the volume by over 90%.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

So 10% of the volume will be left with ash. Is that ash capable of being landfilled on Long Island under the current standards?

**MR. WRIGHT:**

Yes, yes. It will be dried on site and then landfilled on Long Island.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

It will be?

**MR. WRIGHT:**

Yes.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

And will you be testing that ash?

**MR. WRIGHT:**

Yes.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

And that test will be available for the Legislature?

**MR. WRIGHT:**

Yeah. I mean, we've tested that ash in the past with the other incinerators •  
•

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Right.

**MR. WRIGHT:**

•• and we've always had exceptional quality of it.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Okay.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Legislator Kennedy, and then Legislator Horsley.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Charlie, has there ever been any, and I don't even know if it's viable from the technology perspective, have you ever had any conversations with any

of the municipal waste facilities, like the Huntington•Smithtown municipal waste or in Hempstead, where they engage in actually ••

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Islip.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

•• you know, combusting waste, municipal waste. Is that a viable alternative and a cheaper one?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

It's not viable, because sludge is very different from municipal solid waste to incinerate, and it's actually, I'm happy to say ••

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

So, if you can burn garbage in something, you can't burn sludge.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

That's correct. The water content is higher, even though it's dewatered before it goes into the incinerator, and, as I'm always proud to say to the municipal solid waste people, our ash is better than their ash.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Glad to hear that, Charlie. Don't tell me anymore. But on a lighter note, so what does it cost to truck this stuff now, approximately? How do you gauge it, by the month, by the week, by the day?

**MR. WRIGHT:**

No, it's by the wet ton.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Right, the wet ton.

**MR. WRIGHT:**

And we have a contract that is a five•year contract that will take us through May of 2009.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

So you pay what, 65 per ton?

**MR. WRIGHT:**

Yes.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

And how many ••

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Which is considerably than Nassau County pays, and it's actually fairly close to what incineration costs; am I correct in that, Ben?

**MR. WRIGHT:**

Yeah. Just that would ••

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

So, when you cost this out, in other words, you can burn it for 65, about 65, or truck it for 65?

**MR. WRIGHT:**

Just that the comfort level isn't there if you don't have any control. If there's a large storm, many times the trucks can't get out of the plant. You've got 200 wet tons of sludge a day that's building up.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

And there's always the concern the community where it's going may not want to receive our sludge in the future.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

But didn't you just earlier reference that this is a 30 billion dollar project to get this incinerator back up and operational?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

It's more than 30 million.

**MR. WRIGHT:**

It's \$60 million, and the public hearing resolution was just submitted for the public hearing.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Sixty million in order to put our plan together so we can maintain a level of confidence that we can dispose of it. Okay.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Legislator Horsley, and I'll come back.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

I'd just like to backtrack to the comment about the drying part of the sludge. Where is this going to take place?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

This will take place at the smaller sewer districts. What this piece of equipment is for, it will •• it's mobile. It will travel around to the different sewer districts, we'll take the liquid sludge there, dewater it, and then either we would truck it to Bergen Point when the incinerator is in operation and have it incinerated, or we initially certainly will have it put into dumpsters and trucks and be hauled directly to the other facilities rather than truck the liquid to Bergen Point and then process it. So this ••

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

So the drying process is going to be on site of the different sewer areas.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Yes. This will have •• this will improve situations at Bergen Point.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

That's what I'm looking for. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Let me ask a couple of questions before we go and spend 60 million dollars on an incinerator for sludge. I know that's not in front of us right now, but have you looked into rail possibilities? I know there's a rail hub in Islip

that's ••

**MR. WRIGHT:**

Actually, a lot of it's being railed now. Due to the extent of our contract the five-year contract and the cost of fuel, the vendor is railing a lot of it to Georgia.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. So it is being railed.

**MR. WRIGHT:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Because there's less air pollution and less cost with railing. Maybe that's why you're getting the \$65 price. Have you looked into any other alternative technologies for trying to convert the sludge into a reusable materials, fertilizers ••

**MR. WRIGHT:**

Yes, we have. In fact ••

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

•• oils, nitrogen compounds? They're out there, guys. I know it sounds crazy, but ••

**MR. WRIGHT:**

We have visited a number of facilities that have, you know, been able to use that as a soil conditioner. The cost to do that and some of the nuisances associated were not something we wanted to enter into. We did have an evaluation, though, of various stabilization processes.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

And lastly, which probably will be the least popular, but since Bergen Point is in proximity to the water, have you •• is there possibilities to barge it out there? Would that be cheaper? I know from AN environmental perspective it's a lot less in terms of greenhouse gases.

**MR. WRIGHT:**

I believe some years ago one of the Legislators had suggested that, and there was some difficulty in siting a barging facility on the shore of the Great South Bay, but we haven't looked at that in the last couple of years.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Because 60 million dollars is a big number.

**MR. WRIGHT:**

I want to •• but also, though, the scavenger fee was an earlier resolution, 48% of the solids at Bergen Point is related to scavenger waste and our intent is to allocate 48% of that 60 million dollars to the tipping fee.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. So the tipping fees are going to go up sizably, potentially.

**MR. WRIGHT:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Sorry. Presiding Officer?

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Just on this whole issue is I remember when the incinerator opened at Bergen Point, and I think it was about 1979, so the life span that we got out of that facility is pretty amazing. And at the time that facility opened, the technology was really state•of•the•art. We were one of the original governments to embrace this technology and it really served us well. The problem with trucking waste, whether you're talking about garbage or sludge, isn't how to transport it, it's that you're running out of places that's

willing to accept it. I mean, you filled up mines in West Virginia and Ohio with our garbage, and as Long Islanders, we have to find our solutions here. We can't keep moving our problems somewhere else, because we're running out of places to move it.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

I couldn't agree more •• I couldn't agree more with you. It's not just the unpredictability of not having places to move it.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Absolutely.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

But you also have the traffic from the trucking, all the pollution from the trucking and what amounts to an extremely high price for our residents. You're talking about \$80 a ton to get rid of ••

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

It's not ••

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

•• garbage to have all these materials that are contained in it entombed somewhere in Virginia, Ohio, or Pennsylvania. It's just crazy, but ••

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

And the other thing is, in Nassau County, they tried to approve a facility maybe ten years ago to treat sludge, and I don't know whether it was pellets.

**MR. WRIGHT:**

Pelletization, yes.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

And the side effects of that type of facility had the neighborhood in uproar and it never got approved.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**



Okay. So we had a motion and a second on •• that was Resolution 1366. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1366 is **approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0•0)**

**1386.** We're getting close.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

We did.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

1386 was done earlier. Thank you. I'm looking at a different agenda.

***1387 • Amending the 2006 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with the renovation of the existing 6th Precinct (Coram )( CP 3188).***

**LEG. BROWNING:**

Motion.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Motion by Legislator Browning, second by Legislator ••

**MR. MONTANO:**

I'll second it.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Montano. Any discussions? I guess, Commissioner, if you want to just tell us what the renovations are?

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

I'm sorry. We're on the old Sixth Precinct now?

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Yes. Just really briefly.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

Yeah. This ••

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

In 30 seconds or less.

**COMMISSIONER BARTHA:**

This part of the renovations would relate to the replacing of ceiling tile and the lighting, upgrading the bathrooms, and then there's considerable •• a fair proportion of this money is for furniture and equipment, data wiring, the kinds of things that they need.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? 1387 is **approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0•0)**

***1400 • Approving the purchase of thirty (30) hybrid/electric vehicles in accordance with Section 186•2(B)(6) of the Suffolk County Code and in accordance with the County vehicle standard.*** Is there a motion? Motion by Legislator D'Amaro, second by Legislator Romaine.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

List me as a cosponsor.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

On the motion, is there any discussion? Okay. All in favor? Any opposed? Abstentions? **(Vote: 8•0•0•0•0)**. List me as a cosponsor as well.

**MR. MONTANO:**

List me as a cosponsor as well.

**CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:**

**Approved. (Vote: 8•0•0•0•0)**. Anybody not want to be a cosponsor? Put us all down as cosponsors. Okay. Motion to adjourn, second. All in favor? And we are adjourned. Thank you.

***[THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:25 P.M.]***

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